

Having made this election, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have included herewith a clean, correctly numbered set of claims by renumbering the second claim 129 as 130 and numerically renumbering the claims thereafter, along with correcting their dependencies.

Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns with the foregoing election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to advance this application.

If this response considered timely filed and a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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